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## Amherst County Joins International Code Council for the Celebration of Building Safety Month 2022

On April The County of Amherst April 5, 2022, the Amherst County Board of Supervisors passed a commemorative resolution as part of their participation in the 42<sup>nd</sup> annual Building Safety Month, a worldwide campaign conducted by the International Code Council, its members, and partners to promote building safety. This year's campaign, "Safety for All: Building Codes in Action," raises awareness about the importance of building codes in ensuring safety in the spaces where we live, work, and learn.

Homes and buildings that comply with building safety codes are essential to helping Amherst County stay a safe and beautiful place to live. Building Safety Month promotes the information and resources that homeowners, government officials, and the public can use to improve our built environment.

Local events to celebrate Building Safety Month include courtesy inspections of existing decks. With warm weather on the way, it is important to make deck structures safe and up to the task of hosting those summer BBQs. To schedule your inspection, please call (434) 946-9302. Checks will be scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis as time allows. The county will also be sharing important safety information on social media and introductions of the Building Inspections team.

"The sole purpose of the Building Inspections Department is to perform inspections and enforce the codes that keep our county safe, healthy, and beautiful," says Building Official Nate Young.

Learn more about Building Safety Month at <a href="www.buildingsafetymonth.org">www.buildingsafetymonth.org</a> or join the conversation on social media using #BuildingSafety365.

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